

Bergland Township Board Meeting

April 16, 2026 6:30 pm

Township Hall

906-575-3522

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance** let by Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk.
- II. **Meeting called to order:** 6:30 pm by Jack Otlewis, Supervisor.
- III. **Roll Call:** Sue Barnaby, Treasurer; Jack Otlewis, Supervisor; Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk; James Bucknell, Attorney.
- IV. **March 19, 2026 Agenda:** A motion was made by Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk to amend the agenda to include John Berglund's resignation, Banking with Zeal Credit Union and Settler's Credit Union and zoning appeals. A second was made by Sue Barnaby. Roll call; Sue Barnaby, Treasurer – yes; John Berglund, Trustee – yes; Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk – yes; Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee - yes. All in favor; motion approved.
- V. **Public Comments:** Comments FinnTown Plat budge and progress; revised tax bills; and assessor hours. Public comments were closed at 6:44 pm. Recommendation to have a special meeting for the FinnTown Assessor's Plat to be held before the next board meeting.
- VI. **Reports**
 - a. **Treasurer:** no report.
 - b. **Planning Commission:** Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee provided an update.
 - c. **Fire Chief:** There are a couple trainings scheduled for the fire department which include ice rescue and pipeline safety. The Fire Department has possession of the air packs.
 - d. **Utility Superintendent:** No report. Wally Saubert, Utility Superintendent was not present.
 - e. **Supervisor:** No report. Jack Otlewis, Supervisor was not present.
- VII. **Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2026 Board Meeting:** Sue Barnaby, Treasurer mad a motion to accept the minutes with the amendment of the roll call information. A second was made by Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee. Roll call; Sue Barnaby, Treasurer – yes; John Berglund, Trustee – yes; Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk – yes; Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee - yes. All in favor; motion approved.
- VIII. **Approval of the February 2026-March 2026 Warrants:** A motion to approve the warrants was made by John Berglund, Trustee. A second was made by Sue Barnaby,

Treasurer. Roll call; Sue Barnaby, Treasurer – yes; John Berglund, Trustee – yes; Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk – yes; Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee - yes. All in favor; motion approved.

IX. New Business

- a. **Audit Review:** Leanne Tregembo present information pertaining to the audit report. A motion to approve the audit review and report was made by John Berglund, Trustee. A second was made by Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk. Roll call; Sue Barnaby, Treasurer – yes; John Berglund, Trustee – yes; Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk – yes; Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee - yes. All in favor; motion approved.
- b. **2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan:** Discussion was held by John Berglund regarding the CIP. A motion to adopt the amended and presented CIP which will display the Fire/Office/Community Building Design of \$40,000 to 2027. A second to support the motion was made by Sue Barnaby, Treasurer. supported by Sue. Roll call; Sue Barnaby, Treasurer – yes; John Berglund, Trustee – yes; Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk – yes; Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee - yes. All in favor; motion approved.
- c. **2026 Zoning Ordinance:** Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee discussed errors in the report. There was a motion by John Berglund to table the adoption of the ordinance to the April Board meeting in order to correct the errors. A second was made by Sue Barnaby. Roll call; Sue Barnaby, Treasurer – yes; John Berglund, Trustee – yes; Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk – yes; Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee - yes. All in favor; motion approved.
- d. **Other:** Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee stated that there needs to be an approved meeting reimbursement for the Zoning Board of Appeals Board.
- e. **Jerry Wuorenmaa Resignation:** A motion was made to accept Jerry Wuorenmaa's resignation as Bergland Township Trustee effective on 4/13/2026. A second was made by Sue Barnaby, Trustee. All in favor; motion carried.
- f. **John Berglund Resignation:** A motion was made to accept John Berglund's resignation effective March 20, 2026 was made by Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk. A second was made by Sue Barnaby. All in favor; motion carried.
- g. **Zeal Credit Union:** A motion was made to permit Sue Barnaby, Treasurer to move the Bergland Township Tax Account to Zeal Credit Union and not to exceed a \$250,000. A second was made by John Berglund, Trustee. Roll call; Sue Barnaby, Treasurer – yes; John Berglund, Trustee – yes; Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk – yes; Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee - yes. All in favor; motion approved.

- h. **Settler's Federal Credit Union:** A motion was made by Jerry Wuorenmaa to allow Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk or Sue Barnaby, Treasurer permission to close the Bergland Township account at Settler's Federal Credit Union and to receive the monies from the account in order to redeposit to another banking institution in which the Bergland Township is maintaining. A second was made by John Berglund. Roll call; Sue Barnaby, Treasurer – yes; John Berglund, Trustee – yes; Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk – yes; Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee - yes. All in favor; motion approved.
- X. **Old Business:**
- a. Laura Erhart Overpayment: Attorney James Bucknell has received the information necessary to seek the reimbursement of the monies.
- XI. **Public Comment:** Discussion was held regarding the meeting rules as well as the forestry property. Closed: 7:40 pm.
- XII. **Board Comments:** Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee has submitted his letter of interest to be appointed to the Planning Commission.
- XIII. **Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Berglund, Trustee. A second was made by Sue Barnaby, Treasurer. All in favor; motion carried. Adjourned at 7:41 pm EST.